



9th March 2018 Newsletter

West Northumberland Schools Consultation

PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THE FULL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT AND RESPOND BY THE DEADLINE

Although we are not currently one of the schools earmarked for closure or merger, we must not be complacent during this unsettling time.

We are doing our best to support all rural schools in the area and hope that you will also show your support by responding to the consultation.

If the decision is made to convert to a two-tier system then we will embrace the opportunity to become a Primary School and we are currently making plans to ensure that a conversion would be smooth, positive and successful.

Please come and talk to me or other members of staff if you have concerns regarding the future and we will do our best to answer your questions.

HLT Consultation

The Hadrian Learning Trust (HMS and QEH) have published their consultation document to become a Secondary School (lowering the age range of QEH to Year 7). This will have a significant impact on all the First and Middle Schools in the area. I emailed all parents last week with the full consultation. If you do not receive communication by email, there will be a hard copy of the summary in your child's book bag with details of where to find the full consultation and how to respond.

As with the West Northumberland Schools Consultation, I urge you to read the full document and respond by the deadline.

REFUNDS (due to School Closure)

If you have already paid for swimming and school dinners, please contact Mrs Rowcroft to arrange a refund.

Please see below the updated amounts that are due.

School Lunches

The following amount is now due: **-25 lunches x £2.30 = £57.50**

The cost has been calculated minus the Monday 19th March school trip to The Sill when all children will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

Please send money to Mrs Rowcroft in a clearly labelled envelope.

Swimming money

The cost of each session is £3 therefore the total cost for the half term 5 sessions is £15.00

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Green Monkey Photos reminder

Green Monkey photos will be coming to school on **Monday 12th March**. They will be taking individual photos, sibling photos and a whole school photo.

Tynedale Music Festival-Friday 16th March

Two important requests

1. PLEASE encourage your child/children to learn their songs words and have a go at performing the songs in front of you. It is suddenly very close to the performance!!
2. Children must be in FULL school uniform on this day. Outdoor learning clothing should be sent in a bag so children can get changed in the afternoon. THIS IS ONLY FOR FRIDAY 16TH MARCH when the children are representing the school at Queens Hall.

Walltown and The Sill trip-Monday 19th March

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN THE CLOTHES THEY WEAR FOR OUTDOOR LEARNING ON A FRIDAY.

Sports Relief-Friday 23rd March

Children may come into school in their World Book Day costume or non-school uniform/sporting outfit. We ask for a small donation. Mrs Blythe will lead a sponsored run around the field. Please find a sponsor form in your child's bookbag. Please ensure the money and form is sent in on the day-Friday 23rd March. All monies raised will be donated to Sports Relief. Many thanks.

After School Club Information

- Outdoor Adventure-Mondays-**3.05-4.15pm**
- Messy Church-Tuesdays- **3.05-4.15pm (NO MESSY CHURCH ON TUESDAY 27TH MARCH)**
- Zumba-Thursdays-**3.05-4.15pm (NO ZUMBA ON THURSDAY 29TH MARCH)**

Easter Service Wednesday 28th March –school hall-9.15am

We are holding an Easter Service at school. It starts at 9.15am for approximately 30 minutes and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a 'Decorated egg' and 'Easter bonnet' competition which will be judged prior to the Service.

Prizes will be organised for each year group and the winners will be announced at the end of the Service.

If your child would like to participate please send entries into school no later than Tuesday 27th March, clearly labelling the name on the entry.

Entries can be placed in the hall on the tables provided.

Looking forward to seeing the eggciting entries!

Palm Sunday Service-Wednesday 21st March -St Peter's Church-9.15am

Everyone is welcome to attend this Service which should last approximately 20-30 minutes. The children will be delivering Easter gifts to the local pensioners after the Service.

Parent Questionnaires

A massive thank you to everyone who has returned their questionnaire. We are busy collating the responses and will publish these as soon as possible. We really appreciate you taking the time to fill them in. If you haven't yet returned yours, please do so asap.

Emergency contacts

If you change address, phone numbers or email addresses, please ensure you inform Mrs Rowcroft so files can be updated.

Haircuts

This information is in our school brochure:

Jewellery and Hairstyles

Children should have long hair tied back at all times during the school day and hair should not be dyed or styled in extreme fashions, including mohicans, rats tails and tramlines, during term time.

Slippers

Last year we invited children to bring in a pair of slippers to wear during the day. It proved to be very popular and apparently enables children to feel more relaxed in school therefore more ready to learn. You are very welcome to send in a pair of practical slippers that children can change into. This will be until Easter. After Easter, slippers will be sent home.

Attendance

Please ensure your child is in school every day unless unwell. Parents must contact the school office or leave a message on the answer machine giving a reason for absence.

Also, a reminder to all parents that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time as directed by central government.

Routines

Please remember to arrive promptly to school in the morning. **The bell is rung for school to start at 8.50am.**

Parents should bring their children into the playground **for 8.45am (no earlier)** where they will be escorted into school by Mrs Phillips.

Late book-we have had **0 entries** in the late book this week. Fabulous let's keep it up!

Other dates for your diary.

Friday 16th March: Tynedale Music Festival (Years 1-4) Queens Hall (10am for the first category-be in seats by 9.30am)

*Reception children will come to watch the performance rather than perform on stage. (Letters in book bags today)

Monday 19th March: Trip to Walltown and The Sill

Wednesday 21st March: Palm Sunday service-St Peter's Church 9.15am- everyone welcome (delivering Easter gifts to pensioners afterwards)

Friday 23rd March: Sport Relief (Come to school in a costume)

Wednesday 28th March: Easter service-in school 9.15am –everyone welcome

Thursday 29th March: Break up for Easter holidays

Friday 30th March: Good Friday (Bank Holiday-school closed)

Monday 16th April: Summer 1st term starts

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about what is happening in school or in the area,
please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Best wishes

Jude Long